STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS AMMENDMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTION OF ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF INFORMATION PURSUANT TO AB 2886 (stats. 2000, ch. 727)

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NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REASONS

The specific reason for each amended, added, or deleted regulation is summarized below.

Section 3890. General Intent, Content, and Applicability of Regulations

The title of section 3890 has been amended with non-substantive editorial changes.

The proposed text of subsection 3890(a) has been amended to clarify the type of contaminant release on a site.

The proposed text of subsection 3890(b) has been amended with non-substantive editorial changes.

The proposed text of subsection 3890(d) has been added. The electronic reporting requirements in this Chapter are intended to replace the requirement for the submittal of paper copies of the reports. As it is mentioned in the text of the Regulations (subsection 3894(c)), beginning July 1, 2005, the successful submittal of electronic information shall replace the requirement for the submittal of a paper copy. This is intended to minimize the preparation and duplication of reports, in paper copy submitted to regulatory agencies. In addition, this is intended to provide regulatory agencies and the public with easy access to reports.

Section 3891. Definition of Terms

The definition of "COELT" has been amended with non-substantive editorial changes.

The definition of "EDCC" has been amended with non-substantive editorial changes.

The definition of "EDF" has been amended with non-substantive editorial changes.

The definition of "Monitoring well" has been added. The purpose of this added definition is to clarify the type of monitoring well subject to the proposed regulations.

The definition of "Permanent well" has been deleted and replaced with the definition of "Monitoring well".

Section 3892. Reports

The proposed text of subsection 3892 has been amended with non-substantive editorial changes to clarify the requirement.

The proposed text of subsection 3892(d) has been amended with non-substantive editorial changes.

The proposed text of subsection 3892(f) has been amended with non-substantive editorial changes.

The proposed text of subsection 3892(g) has been amended with non-substantive editorial changes.

The proposed text of subsection 3892(h) has been amended to reflect minor changes that were made to the execution plans and memorandum of agreement for Department of Defense (DOD) cases. The Navy Cost Recovery Cooperative Agreement was also added to include Navy Cost Recovery cases.

Section 3893. Electronic Submittal of Reports

The proposed text of subsection 3893(a) has been amended to specify the format requirements outlined in the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB's) EDF Guidelines and Restrictions and the Survey XYZ Guidelines and Restrictions.

The proposed text of subsection 3893(b) has been amended with non-substantive editorial changes.

The proposed text of subsection 3893(b)(1) has been amended to change the accuracy requirement from less than 0.5 meter to less than 1.0 meter on reporting the latitude and longitude survey data for monitoring wells. This was done to ensure consistency with current data collection practices in the existing program.

The proposed text of subsection 3893(b)(2) has been amended. The term "any groundwater monitoring well" is changed to "any permanent monitoring well". This will clarify questions on the necessity of survey requirements for the monitoring wells. This language helps clarify that survey data is required specifically for groundwater wells being monitored over an extended period of time and is not required for other sampling locations

The proposed text of subsection 3893(b)(3) has been amended. The term "any groundwater monitoring well" is changed to "any permanent monitoring well". This will clarify questions on the necessity of survey requirements for the monitoring wells. This language helps clarify that survey data is required specifically for groundwater wells being monitored over an extended period of time and is not required for other sampling locations

The proposed text of subsection 3893(b)(5) has been amended. The "Well construction details" is changed to "The depth to the screened interval and the length of screened interval for any permanent monitoring well". This provides more definition to the expected reporting requirements.

The proposed text of subsection 3893(b)(6) has been amended to identify the format for the boring logs.

The proposed text of subsection 3893(b)(7) has been removed and is replaced with a new reporting requirement. The requirement on reporting the "mass of contaminants and the type of treatment system installed at a cleanup site" is removed. Reporting of this data will not be included in the proposed regulations due to the concern from industry on the addition of these new requirements. The new reporting requirement states that "the successful submittal of a complete report in PDF format shall replace the requirement for the submittal of a paper copy." As described in the proposed text of subsection 3894(c), beginning July 1, 2005, the successful submittal of this electronic information shall replace the requirement for the submittal of a paper copy.

The proposed text of subsection 3893(d) has been added to the regulations. This will allow the regulatory agency to require the submittal of a report, or portions thereof, in diskette, compact disc or other form if the agency determines that the alternative form is necessary, in addition to the electronic submittal of the report to Geotracker. The burden of the alternative form, including costs, is to be consistent with the need for the alternative form and the benefits obtained from the alternative form.

Section 3894. Additional Reporting Requirements

The proposed text in section 3894 has been moved to subsection 3893(b)(7) to be with other reporting requirements, for consistency.

Section 3895. Timing

Section 3895 has been renamed to section 3894 to reflect the deletion of the previous section.

The proposed text of subsection 3894(a), formerly subsection 3895(a), has been amended. The reporting requirement has changed from subsection 3893(b) pursuant to subsection 3892(a) to the electronic submittal of information for sites subject to the requirements of Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 16, Article 11 of the California Code of Regulations. The reporting requirements shall begin on the effective date of the final Regulations. This change was to clarify that cases undergoing corrective action requirements for releases from leaking underground storage tanks are subject to this start date for electronic reporting.

The proposed text of subsection 3894(b), formerly subsection 3895(b), has been amended. The reporting requirement has changed from "all other electronic submittals required pursuant to this Chapter shall begin March 1, 2004" to "the requirements of this Chapter shall begin on January 1, 2005". The additional time allows the SWRCB to make changes to Geotracker and provide training so this information can be easily submitted to Geotracker.

The proposed text of subsection 3894(c) has been added. This subsection was added to specify as of July 1, 2005, the successful submittal of electronic information in accordance with this Chapter shall replace the requirement for the submittal of a paper copy. This is intended to minimize the preparation and duplication of reports, in paper copy, submitted to regulatory

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